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APPL 10/681,497

Mr Daniels,

RE: 10/681,497 and the OA of 9/22/09

Have the following questions:

OA 1. Incorrectly numbered claim 5: is there any reason to submit and amendment correcting this now or if I decide to appeal simply correct it in the appeal?

OA 2: The > 40% wood content relies on the Examples in the Specification where the wood content is spelled out as > 40%. Did you consider this when rejecting claims 19 & 20?

OA 7 If claim 16 were narrowed as follows would that meet the objection or would it require further examination?

16. In the method for forming composite products consisting of a polyolefin material which is 25 to 75 percent by weight of the total composite, a lignocellulosic material, ~~a coupling agent~~, and at least one of the group consisting of a lubricant, a cross-linking agent, a UV stabilizer, ~~and an inhibitor, and a coupling agent~~ such as to increase their resistance to surface visual impairment caused by mold attack, the improvement which consists of incorporating an amount of a cationic salt of boric acid selected from the group of synthetic calcium borate, colemanite, ulexite, or mixtures thereof in the range of from about 2 to 12 percent by weight of said composite product.

Thank you,

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